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Amendments to the Claims:

No amendments have been made to the claims. This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

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 $\sqrt{\text{Claims 1-4 (Canceled)}}$.

Claim 5 (Previously presented): System for establishing a permanent connection between the Internet and a user subscribed to the Internet, said system comprising a switching PoP (4) having incoming lines (1) through which switched telephone traffic enters, characterized in that said system further comprises a PoP manager (8), and inputs (7) which are not connected to the telephone exchange (3) and which are permanently connected to a connection at a subscriber, said subscriber being connected through said connection, inputs (7) and switching PoP (4) to an ISP on the basis of an instruction from the PoP manager (8).

Claim 6 (Previously presented): System according to claim 5, characterized in that the inputs (7) of the

PoP (4) not being connected to the telephone exchange (3)

can be executed as two-wire connections in such a way that

5 the subscriber is directly connected to the switching

PoP (4) and is switched on the basis of an instruction of

7 the PoP manager (8).

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Claim 7 (Previously presented): System according to
claim 5, characterized in that standard multiplexing
equipment (6) is employed, to which the subscriber is
connected by a two-wire connection, said multiplexing
equipment being connected to said switching PoP (4) and is
switched on the basis of an instruction of the PoP
manager (8).

Claim 8 (Previously presented): Switching PoP for use with the system according to claim 5, characterized in that the

PoP (4) is switchable by a PoP manager (8) at a distance.